

Senate Resolution 58

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of James Edward Humes II; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, James Edward Humes II was an exceptionally devoted and hardworking Georgia
3 attorney who stood for others as a shining example of the profession; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Humes was born March 7, 1945, in Louisville, Kentucky, but later moved to
5 Georgia, graduating in 1963 from Columbus High School where he played on the State
6 Championship Basketball Team; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated with a BBA in accounting in 1967 from the University of Georgia
8 and received his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the University of Georgia Lumpkin School of
9 Law in 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, after honorably serving his country as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he
11 returned to Columbus where he joined the law firm of Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis, and
12 Rothschild, with whom he practiced for 35 years, and served as the attorney for the Muscogee
13 County Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners for the Columbus Water Board;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Humes was a gentleman who belied all the stereotypes of lawyers, refusing
16 to allow empty courtroom theatrics to take the place of thorough research and determined
17 preparation; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the
19 Columbus Bar Association, the Downtown Rotary Club, the Big Eddy Club, the Green Island
20 Country Club, and the Columbus Country Club; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, lifelong Bulldog
2 fan, and devoted family man who made a special effort to attend the weddings of both his
3 daughters, despite the state of his health due to terminal cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Carol Cannon Humes, two daughters,
5 and one grandson; and

6 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his passing we
7 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body join
9 in remembering and honoring James Edward Humes II for his dedication to his community and
10 the State of Georgia.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
12 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James Edward Humes II.